

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING

A replacement drawing of Figure 12 is submitted concurrently herewith under a separate cover letter.

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejection and further examination are respectfully requested.

The specification and abstract have been reviewed and revised to improve their English grammar. The amendments to the specification and abstract have been incorporated into a substitute specification and abstract. Attached are two versions of the substitute specification, a marked-up version showing the revisions, as well as a clean version. No new matter has been added.

A replacement formal drawing is submitted herewith under a separate cover letter. Specifically, Figure 12 has been amended to correct a typographical error i.e., reference number 34 has been changed to the correct 34b. This amendment does not add new matter to the application.

Original claims 11, 12, and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. It is noted that, in general, the subject matter of claims 11 and 12 is now incorporated into independent claim 1.

Further, pending claims 1-10, 13-19, and 21-40 have been amended to make a number of editorial revisions thereto. These revisions have been made to place the claims in better U.S. form. These further editorial revisions have not been made to narrow the scope of protection of the claims, or to address issues related to patentability, and therefore, these further editorial revisions should not be construed as limiting the scope of equivalents of the claimed features offered by the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Claims 1-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wilson et al. (U.S. 5,400,246). This rejection is respectfully traversed and is believed clearly inapplicable to amended independent claim 1 and the claims that depend therefrom for the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 1 includes recitations directed to a monitoring system for monitoring predetermined monitoring points, the monitoring system including, in part, a sensor terminal, a remote operation terminal, and a central processing device. The sensor terminal includes an open/closed sensor for detecting an open state and a closed state of a door or a window and for transmitting open/closed state information (i.e., information indicating the open state or the closed state of the

window/door) to a storage device of the central processing device. Further, according to the claimed invention, when setting information for setting an alarm operation is received (by the central processing device) from the remote operation terminal (e.g., a command to set the alarm is received by the central processing device) and the open/closed information stored in the central processing device indicates the open state (e.g., the door is open), the central processing device displays that a door-lock check is abnormal and transmits a door-lock check abnormal signal to the remote operation terminal, which notifies the user, via a notification unit (i.e., via at least one of a visual notification and an auditory notification), that the door-lock check abnormal signal was received from the central processing device. Wilson does not disclose or suggest the operation of the door-lock check when setting the alarm operation, as recited in independent claim 1.

Rather, Wilson teaches a data acquisition monitor and an adaptive control system via a personal computer (i.e., central control device), wherein the personal computer beeps when a door is opened or closed if software button 125 is selected on the personal computer (see col. 14, lines 4 and 5; and Figs. 3C and 3D). Based on the configuration disclosed in Wilson, it is clear that the computer (i.e., central control device) beeps when a door is opened or closed if a specific software selection is made on the computer prior to the door opening or closing.

Thus, Wilson's disclosure of a central control device which beeps when a door is opened or closed if a specific software selection is made on the central control device prior to the door opening or closing is not a disclosure or suggestion of sensing if a window/door is open via a sensing terminal and, if the window/door is sensed to be open when a command to set the alarm is received by the central processing device, then displaying a door-lock check on the central processing device and transmitting a door-lock abnormal signal to the remote operation terminal. In other words, Wilson teaches that a beep occurs at the time of a door opening or closing, but does not disclose or suggest transmitting a door-lock abnormal signal at the time a command to set the alarm is received if a window/door is sensed to be open.

Further, Wilson's disclosure of a central control device which beeps is not a disclosure or suggestion of, when the command to set the alarm is received and a window/door is sensed to be open, the central processing device displays that a door-lock

check is abnormal and transmits a door-lock check abnormal signal to the remote operation terminal (i.e., not the central processing device) to notify the user via at least one of a visual notification and an auditory notification.

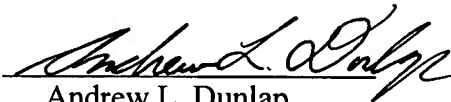
Please note that one of the benefits of the configuration recited in claim 1 is that a user who is setting the alarm from a remote terminal is notified, visually and/or auditorily, that a window/door is currently open. Thus, the user can take appropriate action by continuing to set the alarm or by closing the window or door and then setting the alarm. In light of the discussion above, Wilson does not provide the above-mentioned benefits claim 1, because Wilson merely teaches that only the central control device beeps at the time a door is opened or closed.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that Wilson does not anticipate the invention as recited in amended claim 1. Furthermore, Wilson does not suggest the above-discussed limitations of claim 1. Therefore, it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Wilson so as to obtain the invention of amended independent claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and claims 2-10, 13-19, and 21-40, which depend therefrom are clearly allowable over Wilson.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance and an early notification thereof is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

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